

Remarks

The Restriction Requirement required restriction between Species I – X, and stated that no claims are considered generic. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Species III is generic to Species IV – X. Also, Species IV is generic to some embodiments of Species V. Furthermore, Species VI is generic to Species VII – X. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement.

For example, the present specification discloses that pushing device 80 is contained within the base member 44 of the endeffector 32, when referring to Fig. 2. Page 12, lines 11 – 14. Figs. 6A and 6B illustrate the mechanics of the pushing device 80 in greater detail. As such, Applicants submit that Species III is generic to Species IV.

Furthermore, according to the present specification, in addition to having a pushing device, endeffectors made in accordance with the present invention may be equipped with a wafer detection system. In fact, referring to Fig. 7, the pushing device depicted in Figs. 6A and 6B is generally shown, although not labeled. As such, Applicants submit that Species IV is generic to certain embodiments of Species V.

However, in response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute Species IV, directed to Figs. 6A and 6B. Applicants again note that Species III, Figs. 2 – 5, is generic to both Species IV and Species V.

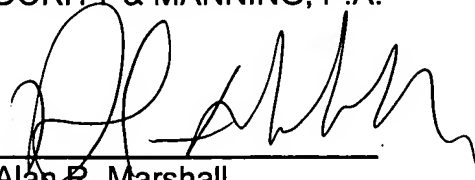
Applicants respectfully submit that Species IV, corresponding to Figs. 6A and 6B, relates to claims 1-16, 18-20, 35, 36, 42, 43, 50-52, 55, 56, 71, 74, and 75. As such, these claims, related to Species IV, remain in the present Application. Applicants have withdrawn claims directed to Species V, which are claims 17, 21 – 32, 44, 57, and 76. However, Applicants point out that Species IV is generic to the embodiments of Species V found in claims 17 and 76. As such, Applicants submit that claims 17 and 76 should be allowed upon allowance of the claims from which they depend.

Also, Applicants have withdrawn claims directed to Species III, which include claims 33, 34, 37 – 41, 45 – 49, 53, 54, 58, 60 – 70, 72, 73, and 77 – 100.

Should Examiner Okezie have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at her convenience.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Restriction Requirement to
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Respectfully submitted,
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